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## Georgia-Pacific



## **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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### SECTION 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME: GYPROC® Lightweight READY MIX™ Joint Compound

**PRODUCT CODE:** M-988, V-992, TEX-977

PRODUCT USE: Compound for covering gypsum board joints and spotting fasteners

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### SECTION 2. COMPOSITION INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

COMPONENT	% WT.	CAS NO.	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Gypsum (calcium sulfate)	35-55	7778-18-9	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total Dust 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total Dust
AND/OR			·	
Limestone (calcium carbonate)	35-55	471-34-1	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust (Quartz)	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust (Quartz)
Mica	3-7	12001-26-2	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust
Starch	< 5	113894-92-1	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total Dust 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total Dust
Perlite	3-10	93763-70-3	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total Dust 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total Dust
Attapulgite (hydrous magnesium aluminum silicate)	< 5	12174-11-7	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust (Quartz)	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust (Quartz)

This product manufactured at Acme, TX (TEX-977) does not contain mica.

Gypsum, limestone, perlite, mica and attapulgite contain naturally occurring crystalline silica, generally of the quartz form. Due to its natural occurrence, the exact percentage of crystalline silica is unknown. Both the OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV are 0.1 mg/m³ for respirable quartz dust.

Exposure limits are in accord with those recommended by OSHA in the 1989 revision of PELs.

#### **SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**DESCRIPTION:** White or off white paste-like compound

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#### **EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

The container headspace may contain a trace amount of formaldehyde and vinyl acetate gas. This gas dissipates quickly upon opening the container. Sanding this product after hardening may generate large amounts of dust. Dust may cause upper respiratory tract, lung, eye, nasal and skin irritation.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

**INHALATION:** This product contains crystalline silica. Prolonged exposure to respirable crystalline silica has been known to cause silicosis, a lung disease which may be disabling. While there may be a factor of individual susceptibility to a given exposure to respirable silica dust, the risk of contracting silicosis and the severity of the disease is clearly related to the amount of dust exposure and the length of time (usually years) of exposure. Exposure associated with most uses of this product(s) should be well below the permissible exposure limits; however, employers should perform workplace testing to determine actual exposure levels.

SKIN CONTACT: Handling may cause dry skin.

EYE CONTACT: Dust can cause mechanical eye irritation.

**INGESTION:** Not applicable under normal conditions of use. May result in obstruction and temporary irritation of the digestive tract.

#### **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If persistent irritation, severe coughing or breathing difficulty occurs, get medical attention.

SKIN CONTACT: Wash affected areas with soap and water. If irritation persists, get medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** Remove contact lenses. Flush eyes, including under eyelids, with large amounts of water. If irritation persists, get medical attention.

INGESTION: May result in obstruction if ingested. Get medical attention.

#### SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT:

Not applicable.

**HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:** 

Not applicable. Not applicable.

FLAMMABLE LIMITS:

Not combustible.

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: FIRE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

Not applicable.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

To prevent obstruction, do not wash down drain. Sweep or vacuum material into a waste container for disposal. If needed, use water spray to wet down and minimize dust generation. Wear approved respirator, if necessary.

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#### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Carefully open container to avoid breathing possible fumes. When compound has been completely used, discard container. Do not reuse container.

#### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Provide local exhaust as necessary to meet OSHA requirements for dust exposure. Use wet methods, if appropriate, to reduce generation of dust.

SKIN PROTECTION: Protective gloves may be desirable to prevent drying or irritation of hands.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Wear NIOSH/OSHA approved respirator when permissible exposure limit to dust may be exceeded.

EYE PROTECTION: Recommend eye goggles or safety glasses for nuisance dust.

#### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE AND ODOR: White or off white paste-like compound; low odor

PHYSICAL STATE:

Solid.

**BOILING POINT:** 

Not applicable.

PH:

8-10

**MELTING POINT:** 

Not applicable.

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** 

Not applicable.

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** 

1.5

VAPOR DENSITY:

Not applicable.

SPECIFIC GRAVITY:

1.3

#### **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

STABILITY: Stable.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None.

INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID): Reaction with strong acids will generate carbon dioxide.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

#### **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

CRYSTALLINE SILICA: Inhaled crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1A). The National Toxicology Program (NTP) classifies respirable crystalline silica as a known human carcinogen. Crystalline silica is not considered to be a human carcinogen by OSHA.

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#### SECTION 12. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

This product is not considered hazardous waste under Federal Hazardous Waste Regulations 40 CFR 261. Please be advised, however, state and local requirements for waste disposal may be different from federal regulations.

Dispose of as inert solid in landfill or by other procedures in accordance with local, state, federal or provincial regulations.

#### **SECTION 13. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

This product is not a DOT hazardous material.

#### SECTION 14. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**OSHA:** This product can be hazardous during rehydration as indicated in Section 3. Dust and potential respirable crystalline silica generated from mixing or otherwise using this product may be hazardous.

TSCA: This product complies with TSCA inventory requirements.

SARA 313: None.

RCRA: If discarded in its purchased form, this product would not be a hazardous waste. Under RCRA, however, it is the responsibility of the product user to determine at the time of disposal whether a material containing this product or derived from this product should be classified as a hazardous waste.

CALIFORNIA PROP 65: Airborne particles of respirable size of crystalline silica are known to the State of California to cause cancer. Worker exposure testing conducted by Georgia-Pacific on various industrial gypsum products did not demonstrate an exposure to respirable crystalline silica.

CANADIAN WHMIS: This product is not a controlled product.

#### **SECTION 15. OTHER INFORMATION**

HMIS RATING: Health - 1; Flammability - 0; Reactivity - 0

MSDS REVISION SUMMARY: Section 11, NTP has upgraded the classification of respirable crystalline silica to "known human carcinogen." ;Section 9, changes in physical properties

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